



Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society  
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## **2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest**

*Entry Deadline: April 6, 2018*

**About the Contest:** This annual contest provides an opportunity to win prizes, learn about our legal system and get creative. The contest can be incorporated into a curriculum, offered as extra credit, or just done for fun. Both individual and team submissions are accepted.

**2018 Law Day Theme:** Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom  
“The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches—Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. “Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,” James Madison explained in Federalist 51. [www.abalawday.org](http://www.abalawday.org)

**Submission and Criteria:** Three categories of submissions:

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces should not exceed 11”x17” (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
2. **WRITTEN:** Written pieces limited to 250 words (including, but not limited to, short story, essay, poetry, etc.).
3. **VIDEO/MULTIMEDIA:** Presentation limited to 3 minutes (including but not limited to video art, music, dance, drama/skit, etc.). Videos and multimedia to be submitted in either .mpg or .wmv format.

Submissions should reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose of freedom in a democracy. Criteria: the submissions will be evaluated on originality, quality, creativity and clarity of expression of the theme.

**Eligibility:** The Law Day Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes attending a public or private high school, or being home schooled, within Connecticut and in grades 9-12 or the equivalent. All qualified participants under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian sign the Parental Permission Release found on the Entry Form.

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**Recognition and Awards:** One winner for each category will receive a prize with a value of \$500 (to an individual or a team). The winners will be recognized at the Law Day celebration to be held on May 1, 2018 at the Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford, where the winners will have the opportunity to meet the Chief Justice and Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

***Award Recognition: May 1, 2018 at the Connecticut Supreme Court***

Please mail submissions to:  
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**Resource:** [www.aba.lawday.org](http://www.aba.lawday.org)

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**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact:  
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